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### **ROCKY MOUNTAIN GEOLOGISTS MEET IN MISSOULA**

#### **MISSOULA —**

The 52nd annual meeting of the Rocky Mountain Section of the Geological Society of America will be held Monday and Tuesday, April 17-18, at the Missoula Community Theatre, located on the 400 block of East Broadway. More than 350 geoscientists are expected to attend the event, which is hosted by The University of Montana Department of Geology.

A major focus of the meeting will be environmental geoscience. Topics of regional interest will include impacts of mining and ground water contamination, earthquake hazards, a study of rock used by prehistoric people in southwest Montana to make tools, a dinosaur bone bed north of Malta, and the impact of geology on the health of elk and bison in Yellowstone National Park.

People who aren't members of GSA will be charged \$75 to attend both days and \$50 for one day. Student nonmembers will pay \$35 for both days and \$25 for one day. K-12 teachers will be charged \$30 for the entire event and \$15 for one day. Complimentary registration is available for the media. People can register at the Holiday Inn Parkside from 3 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 16, and from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. during meeting days at the Missoula Community Theatre lobby.

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The Rocky Mountain GSA section includes northern Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, the Dakotas, Utah, Wyoming, Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Some meeting highlights will be:

- “Ground Water Flow and Transport Model of the Bozeman Sanitary Landfill, Gallatin County, Montana,” 10:20 a.m., April 17, Community Room, by Melissa Schaar, Geological Engineering Department of UM’s Montana Tech in Butte.
- “Characterizing Water, Bed Sediment and Aquatic Health in Watersheds Affected by Historical Mining, Montana,” 2 p.m., April 18, Room 303-304, by David Nimick, Helena U.S. Geological Survey office.
- “Pit Lakes: Horror Stories or Assets?” 8 a.m., April 18, Community Room, by James Castro, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology at UM’s Montana Tech in Butte.
- “Realistic Remediation of the New World Mining District, Montana: Consideration of Natural and Anthropogenic Concentration of Metals,” 10:20 a.m., April 18, Community Room, by C.P. Chamberlain, Department of Earth Science in Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H.
- “Chemical and Viral Impacts to Shallow Ground Water From Septic-System Effluent, Western Montana,” 3:30 p.m., April 18, Rehearsal Hall, by William Woessner, UM geology department.
- “Sedimentology and Taphonomy of a Dinosaur Bone Bed in the Upper Cretaceous Judith River Basin Formation, Northeastern Montana,” 9:40 a.m., April 18, Room 301, by Jeffrey LaRock, Department of Earth Science and Museum of the Rockies at Montana State University-Bozeman.



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■ “Geology, Scatology and Wildlife Health in Yellowstone National Park: The Spatial Correlation of Potentially Toxic Elements Ingested by Elk and Bison With Geothermally Affected Areas,” 2 p.m., April 18, Room 303-304, by Maurice Chaffee, U.S. Geological Survey office in Denver.

■ “What’s Shakin’ in Montana? Past Earthquakes and Future Hazards,” 1:30 p.m., April 18, Rehearsal Hall, by Michael Stickney, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology at UM’s Montana Tech in Butte.

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